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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05725.0213-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
Paolo GIACOMONI) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 08/894,788) Examiner: L. Channavajjala
Filed: February 9, 2000)
For: NITRIC OXIDE SYNTHASE) Confirmation No.: 9346
INHIBITORS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellant requests an oral hearing.

This request is timely since it is made within two-months after the May 4, 2004, mailing date of the Examiner's Answer, i.e., July 4, 2004, a Federal holiday which was celebrated on Monday, July 5, 2004, moving the due date to Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

A check for the required fee of \$290.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this request and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 6, 2004


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